

BENEFITS

Twenty-four months before benefits payable; benefits paid through employment offices.

SEC. 3. (a) *Payment of Benefits.* Twenty-four months after the date when contributions first accrue under this Act benefits shall become payable from the fund. All benefits shall be paid through employment offices, in accordance with such regulations as the commission may prescribe.

Rate of benefits: Total unemployment.

Maximum and minimum.

(b) *Weekly Benefit Amount for Total Unemployment.* Each eligible individual who is totally unemployed (as defined in section nineteen (k) (1)) in any week shall be paid, with respect to such week, benefits at the rate of fifty per centum of his full-time weekly wage (as defined in subsection (d) of this section), but not more than fifteen dollars per week nor less than either five dollars or three-fourths of his full-time weekly wage, whichever is the lesser.

Rate of benefits: Partial unemployment.

(c) *Weekly Benefit for Partial Unemployment.* Each eligible individual who is partially unemployed (as defined in section nineteen (k) (2)) in any week shall be paid with respect to such week a partial benefit. Such partial benefit shall be an amount equal to the difference between his weekly benefit amount (as defined in section nineteen (q)) and five-sixths of his remuneration (as defined in section nineteen (u)) for such week.

(d) *Determination of Full-time Weekly Wage.*

Full time weekly wage: How determined.

(1) The full-time weekly wage of any individual means the weekly wages that such individual would receive if he were employed at the most recent wage rate earned by him in his base period and for the customary scheduled full-time week prevailing for his occupation in the enterprise in which he last earned wages during his base period.

Alternative method of determining full time weekly wage.

(2) If the commission finds that the full-time weekly wage, as above defined, would be unreasonable or arbitrary or not readily determinable with respect to any individual, the full-time weekly wage of such individual shall be deemed to be one-thirteenth of his total wages in that quarter in which such total wages were highest during his base period.

Benefits not to exceed amounts credited to account, or 16 times weekly benefit amount.

(e) *Duration of Benefits.* The maximum total amount of benefit payable to any eligible individual during any benefit year shall not exceed the balance credited to his account with respect to wages earned during his base period or sixteen times his weekly benefit amount, whichever is the lesser. The commission shall maintain a separate account for each individual who earns wages subsequent to December thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six. After the expiration of each calendar quarter, the commission shall credit each such account with one-sixth of the wages earned by such individual during such quarter, or sixty-five dollars, whichever is the lesser. Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against amounts credited to his account on the basis of wages earned

Individual accounts kept for each employee.